CHAPTER 4: YOUR WISH HAS BEEN GRANTED

IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER...
...WE LEARNED THAT HANA-CHAN HATES ICHIRO SUZUKI.
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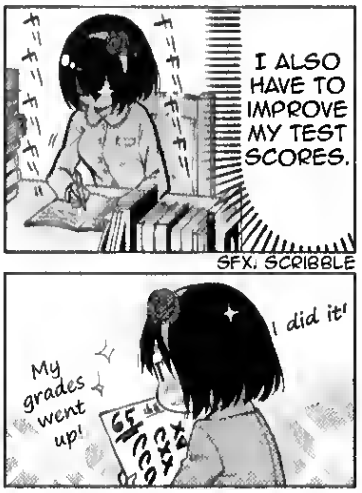
I TOLD YOU TO STOP CALLING ME THAT!
And why are you eating a rice ball!?

AND... THAT'S ABOUT IT.
THAT'S WAY TOO SHORT! GIVE US A PROPER BACKSTORY!
DO I HAVE TO? WELL, WE WENT TO MIDDLE SCHOOL TOGETHER, I GUESS...
STOP PLAYING DUMB, AND DON'T BE SO VAGUE!!

I COULD NEVER FORGET... I FIRST MET ICHIRO THREE YEARS AGO.
HANA YAMADA MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST YEAR
HEH HEH ...
I WILL BECOME ...

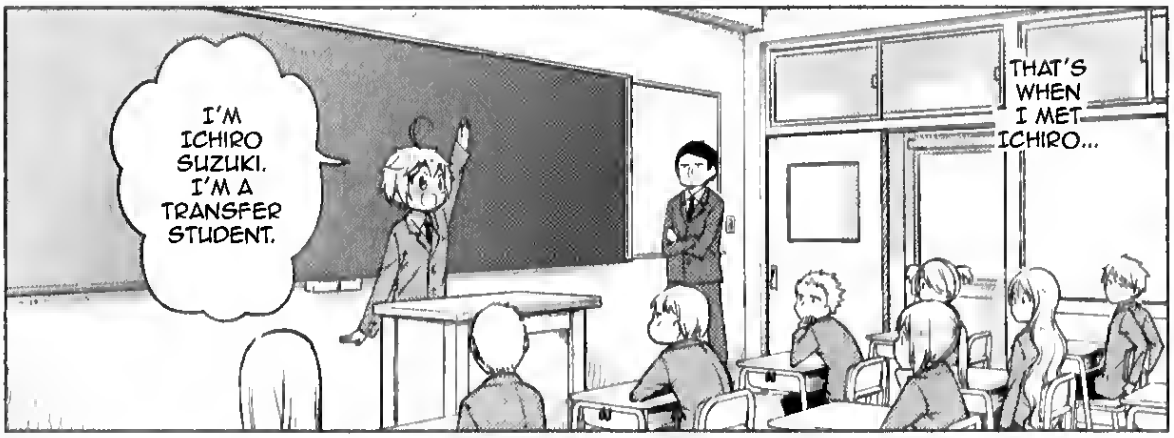
...MORE FAMOUS THAN CLEOPATRA!!

WELL, SINCE THERE ARE NO OTHER VOLUN-TEERS...
ME! ME! I'LL DO IT!
I'LL EVEN TAKE A SHOT AT BECOMING THE CLASS REPRESEN-TATIVE!

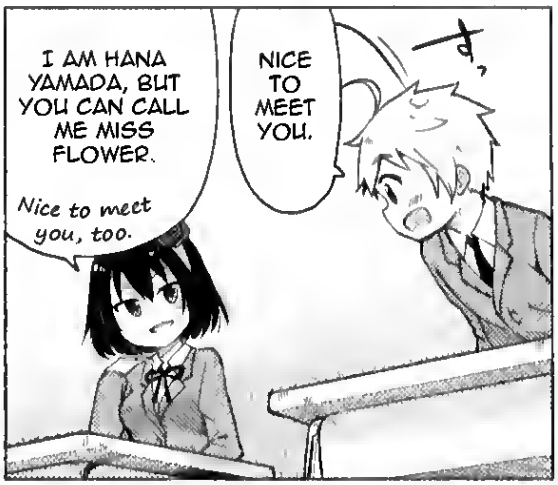

I ALSO HAVE TO IMPROVE MY TEST SCORES.
SFX. SCRIBBLE
I did it!
My grades went up!

I HAVE TO EAT MY GREEN PEPPERS WITHOUT COMPLAI-NING.
IN ORDER TO DO SO, I FIRST HAVE TO IMPROVE MYSELF.
Such a bold taste
SFX. CHEW

THAT'S OUR MISS FLOWER!
Wow!
LAME!
heh heh heh
I REALLY GAVE IT MY ALL.
SFX: CLAPPING


I'M ICHIRO SUZUKI. I'M A TRANSFER STUDENT.
THAT'S WHEN I MET ICHIRO...

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I PLAN TO BECOME ONE OF THE GREATEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.
So remember the name.
ME?


I AM HANA YAMADA, BUT YOU CAN CALL ME MISS FLOWER.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
Nice to meet you, too.

THAT SEEMS LIKE AN EXTREMELY LOW BAR TO CLEAR...
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I MET SOMEONE GREATER THAN ME.
IT WAS QUITE A SHOCK.
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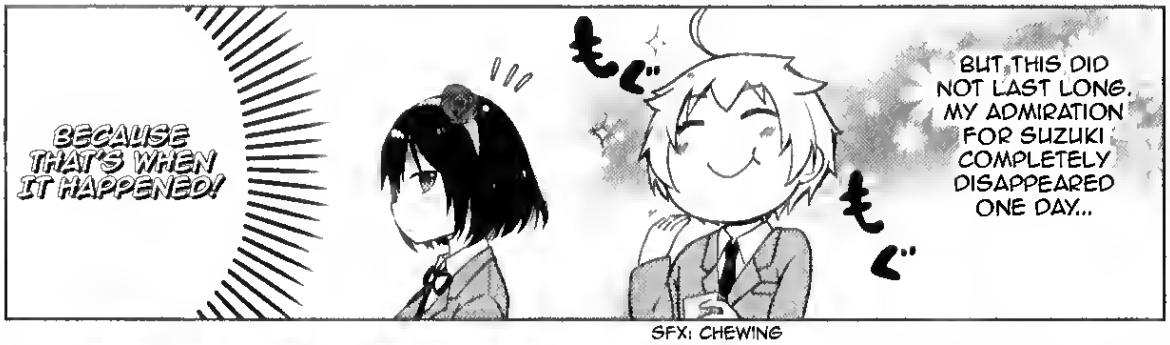
A GOD!?
I'M A GOD!
So I'm already pretty great

Come on
Rice ball
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED, I COULD NOT DO WHAT HE COULD DO.
THIS FRUSTRATED ME TO NO END.

HE SHOWED ME JUST HOW LITTLE I KNEW ABOUT THE WORLD.
I BECAME OBSESSED WITH HIS MYSTERIOUS POWERS.
I'M A PATRON GOD, YOU SEE.
Oooooooh

...I GREATLY ADMIRED ICHIRO.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME ...


BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN IT HAPPENED!
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BUT THIS DID NOT LAST LONG. MY ADMIRATION FOR SUZUKI COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED ONE DAY...

SFX: CHEWING

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WHAT'S THIS!? IT'S DELICIOUS!!
IT'S LIKE A MARRIAGE BETWEEN CHOCOLATE AND STRAWBERRY IN MY MOUTH!!
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WHAT ARE YOU EATING?
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AH, WANT SOME?

YOUR WISH ...
... HAS BEEN GRAN-TED!

I WANT TO EAT THIS ALL THE TIME!
I WANT THIS TO BE MY STAPLE FOOD!
Aaah

THE NEXT THING I KNEW, ALL RICE TASTED LIKE THOSE CHOCOLATES!
sob
Poor Miss Flower

I forgot about that part.
Oh yeah
That's really cruel
EVERYTHING TASTED LIKE THOSE DAMN CHOCOLATES!
AND IT STILL DOES!!
SUSHI!
OMELET RICE!
RISOTTO!
SEASONED RICE!
CURRY!

I'D RATHER DIE THAN ACCEPT YOUR PITY!
nod
uh huh
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!!
see?

OF COURSE I CAN, NO PROBLEM.
HOWEVER...
...CAN'T YOU JUST CURE HER?

YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER IDIOT...
SUCH AMAZING DETER-MINATION... THAT'S OUR MISS FLOWER!

STILL... WHAT'S YOUR PLAN...?
I'LL TELL YOU!

INSTEAD, I WILL BECOME MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU!
I WILL RUIN YOU!
I WILL MAKE YOU KNEEL DOWN IN FRONT OF ME, CRYING AND BEGGING FOR MERCY!!!

Sure, whatever.
IN OTHER WORDS, I INHERITED MY POWERS FROM A SUPER-AWESOME ANCESTOR!
A PATRON GOD IS CREATED WHEN AN IMPORTANT PERSON DIES.
AFTER THEIR DEATH, ONE PERSON IS CHOSEN, AND THEY BECOME A NEW GOD.
SO ONCE I USE THIS MAGICAL TOOL...
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OF COURSE, IN MY CASE, I WON'T HAVE TO DIE FIRST TO BECOME A GOD.
AFTER ALL, I'VE BEEN PLANNING TO BECOME A LIVING GOD EVER SINCE I WAS BORN!
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FOREST! BRING ME THAT THING!
HERE YOU ARE, MISS FLOWER!
I'VE SEEN THAT STATUE BEFORE...
Ooh...
HEY!! WAIT!!

SFX: SHINE
HA HA HA! THIS IS LORD MEKE-MEKE!!
BASED ON A THEORY BY MISS FLOWER... ...DESIGNED BY YOURS TRULY...
...AND CRAFTED BY WOOD, IT'S THE FRUIT OF OUR SWEAT AND TEARS!
IT'S OUR HYPER-EXCELLENT INVENTION! IT CAN TRANSFORM FAITH, THE SOURCE OF DIVINE POWERS, INTO PURE STRENGTH!
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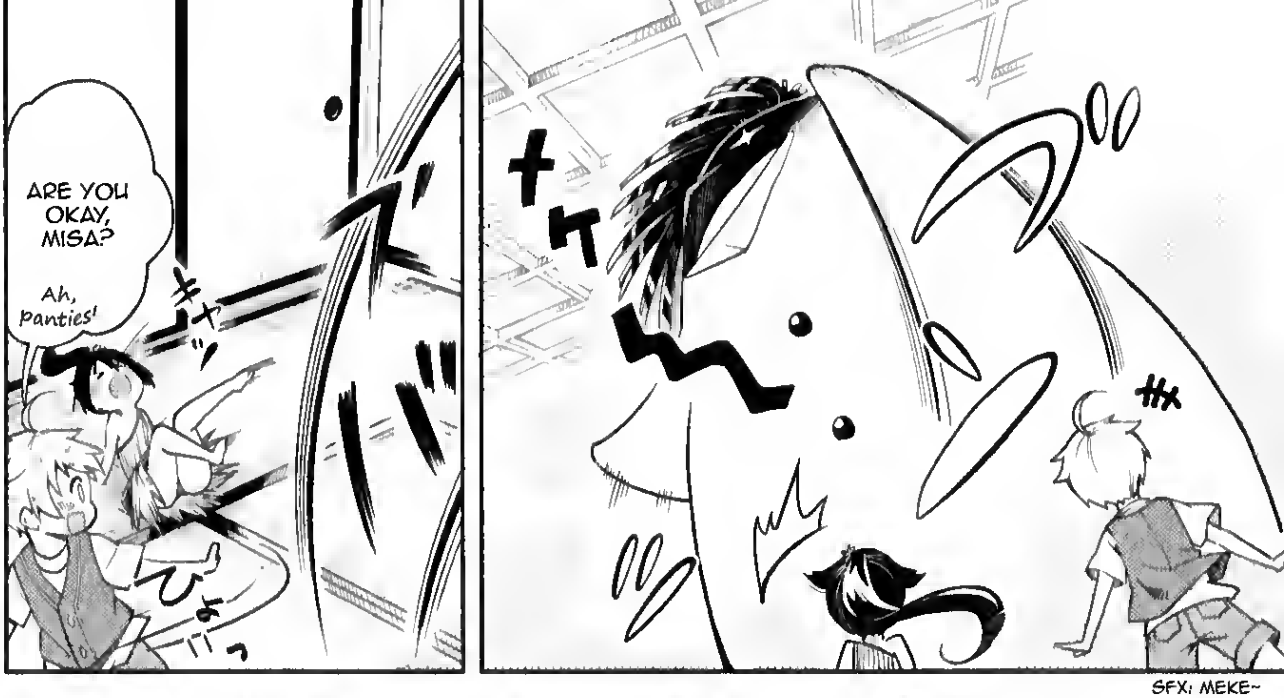
SFX: MEKE
NOW THEN!
PLEASE PUT AN END TO OUR IMPOLITE GUEST, LORD MEKE-MEKE!!
SHUT UP!!
WELL, I SEE THE DESIGN IS STILL AS LAME AS ALWAYS.


ARE YOU OKAY, MISA?
Ah, panties!
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SFX: MEKE~

OH DEAR, WHATEVER SHOULD WE DO~
WHAT THE HELL DO WE DO NOW!?
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STOP SHO-WING OFF!!
...BUT TO USE MY SPECIAL SUZUKI RICE BALL!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
Stay away from me.
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE...
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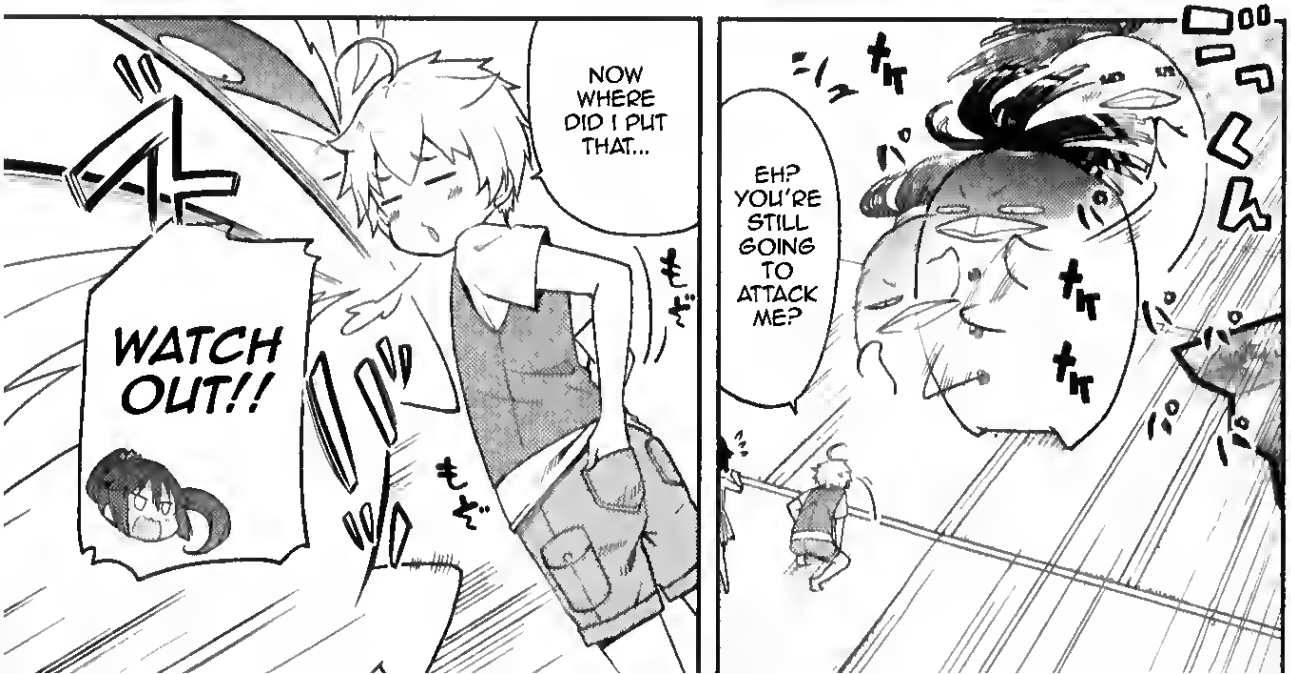
THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!
IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING SOMEHOW.
UHM... MISS FLOWER...
ICHIRO IS SUCH AN IDIOT...
WHAT COULD HE POSSIBLY DO WITH THAT RICE BALL?

SFX: CHEWING

SFX: AHAHAHA

SFX: GULP



WHY DID YOU STOP!?
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スーパー安売王!!
1円セール!!
1円
1円98円
298円
29円98円
198円
98円16

W- WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
JUST AS I THOUGHT!
I'M GLAD I BROUGHT THIS WITH ME!
I WANTED TO GIVE IT TO MISA AS A GIFT.

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THAT'S WHY...
...WOULD EXHIBIT CERTAIN PARTS OF MISA'S PERSONALITY!

Huha
IN OTHER WORDS, MY GUESS WAS THAT THAT THING...
I FIGURED THAT, SINCE THE JEWEL THAT POWERS IT SUCKED AWAY MISA'S HEIGHT...
...IT WOULD PROBABLY CONTAIN MISA'S ENERGY.

...I FIGURED THAT IT MUST BE JUST AS OBSESSED WITH MONEY AS MISA!
SFX. SWOOP
SFX. CLANG

EXTREMELY TIGHTFISTED!
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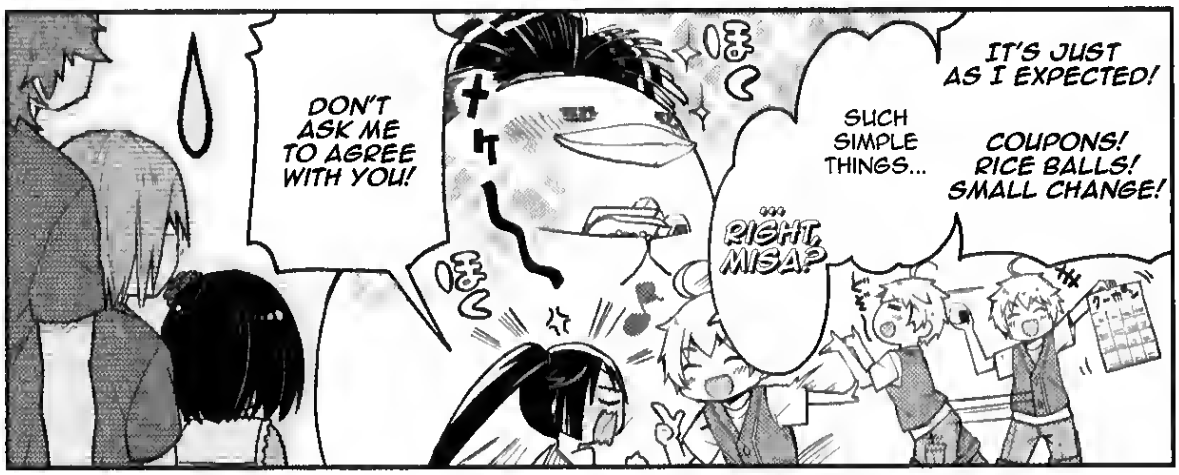
MISA'S INFLUENCE MAKES IT ACT LIKE IT'S EXTREMELY POOR!
EXTREMELY STINGY!


DON'T ASK ME TO AGREE WITH YOU!
SUCH SIMPLE THINGS...
IT'S JUST AS I EXPECTED!
COUPONS! RICE BALLS! SMALL CHANGE!
...RIGHT, MISA?

SFX: MOVED TO TEARS

I'M NOT JUST DOING THIS TO MAKE ICHIRO HAPPY, YOU KNOW!
ICHIRO IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOU, TOO!
IT'S NOT LIKE HE ACTUALLY LIKES YOU!
You're poor!! And flat!!
HEY, THAT'S RUDE!!
THIS WAS ALL YOUR DOING!!
SFX: STOMP

JUST HURRY UP AND GO HOME!
I'LL GIVE YOU BACK YOUR MONEY, AND I'LL LET YOU HAVE THE JEWEL, TOO.
YOU'RE SO GENE-ROUS, MISS FLOWER!
WE WILL BE READY FOR YOU NEXT TIME, ICHIRO!!
HEHEHE... YOU ALWAYS GIVE ME SUCH A WARM WELCOME, HANA-CHAN.
I TOLD YOU TO STOP CALLING ME THAT!!
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH THESE PEOPLE...

BY THE WAY, ABOUT THIS THING...

IT ALL WORKED OUT, DIDN'T IT, MISA?
YOU GOT TO RETURN THE SWORD, AND ON TOP OF THAT, WE GOT A BUNCH OF LEFT-OVER NEW YEAR'S GIFTS AND BON FESTIVAL GIFTS!
YOU CAN TAKE THESE, TOO.
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS SAVING THEM FOR ICHIRO.
Seems like a complicated situation

I THINK YOU HAVE TO INGEST IT SOMEHOW.
YOUR BODY WILL SIMPLY REJECT THE FAITH FROM OTHER PEOPLE, SINCE THAT'S FOREIGN MATTER.
SO... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
Pro-bably!?
Pro-bably
AH!
HOW SHOULD I USE THIS TO GET BACK TO NORMAL?
NO WAY!!
YOU SHOULD EAT THE WHOLE THING IN ONE GO!
SWALLOW IT WHOLE!!
YOU PER-VERT!!
IN THE END, SHE BREWED A TEA FROM THE JEWEL, AND DRANK THAT.
WELL, THEN MAYBE YOU COULD APPLY IT RECTALLY...
Like a suppository.